

Interview Summary

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| Application No. 08/484,340 | Applicant(s) Smith et al. |
| Examiner Scott Houtteman | Group Art Unit 1655 |

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Scott Houtteman

(3) Sean Brennan

(2) Mr. Scott Bortner

(4) _____

Date of Interview Nov 12, 1999

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:

Seven page fax of 11/12/99 (see attached)

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: _____

Identification of prior art discussed: _____

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The Examiner suggested that the claimed template reads on the prior art target sites in nucleic acid hybridization methods.
The Examiner suggested modifying the template to distinguish it from the hybridization art, for example by adding a cloning site. It was argued that the claimed primer covalently bound to a chromophore/fluorophore is distinct from Langer which teaches covalently bound biotin. The color in Langer is generated from non covalently bound components (an enzyme complex plus a chromogenic substrate for the enzyme) that binds with biotin.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.